eLDLIVE
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GRAAASH
カコーン
I'M NOT PICKING UP ANY SPH.
I GUESS THAT'S IT FOR THE INVESTIGATION. LET'S START BOWLING.
NOTHING'S OFF HERE EITHER.
FINE...
AS CHIEF LANE SAID, IT MUST'VE BEEN AN ERROR WITH THE SENSORS.
NOTHING PARTICULARLY OUT OF THE ORDINARY HERE-CHU.
YEAAAAAH!
KRSHHH
カコーン

GRL
AH!
ゴロゴロ
RLL
RLL
SWSH
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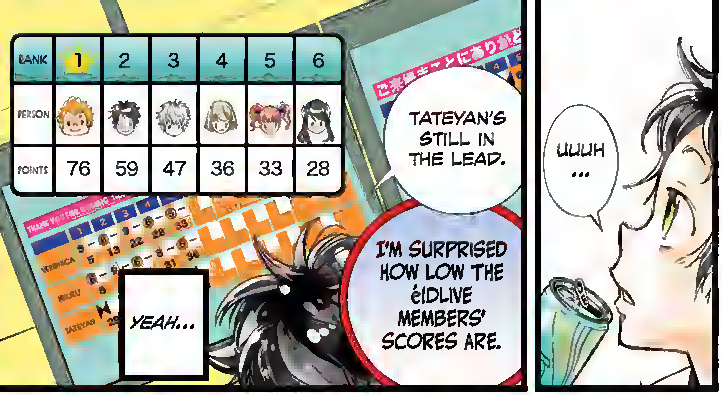
NAAAH!
SHAKE IT OFF, NINO!
ウーーー
YEAAAAH!
SO CLOSE!


RANK
1
2
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PERSON
POINTS
76
59
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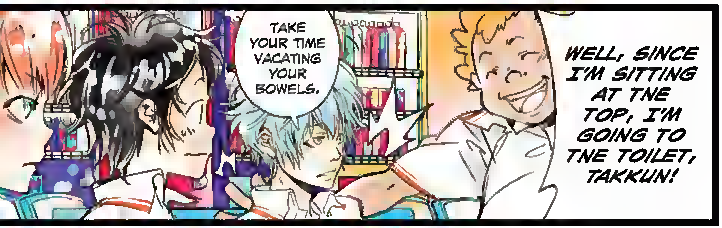
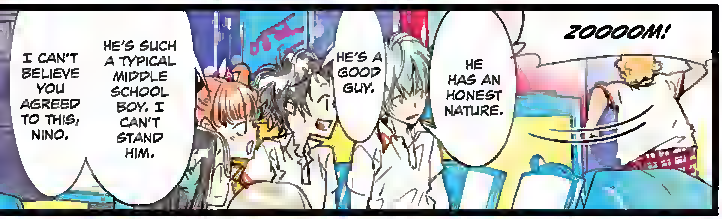
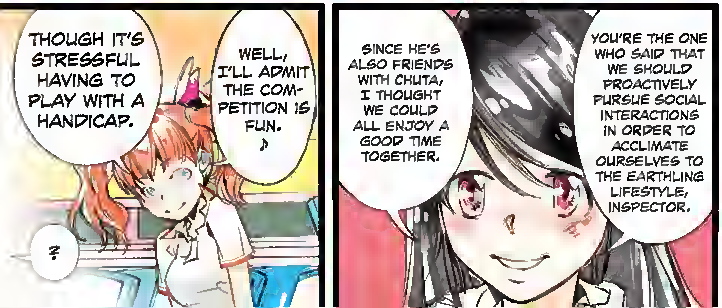
TATEYAN'S STILL IN THE LEAD.
I'M SURPRISED HOW LOW THE ÉIDLIVE MEMBERS' SCORES ARE.
YEAH...
UUUH ...


TAKE YOUR TIME VACATING YOUR BOWELS.
WELL, SINCE I'M SITTING AT THE TOP, I'M GOING TO THE TOILET, TAKKUN!


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU AGREED TO THIS, NINO.
HE'S SUCH A TYPICAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BOY. I CAN'T STAND HIM.
HE'S A GOOD GUY.
HE HAS AN HONEST NATURE.
20000M!


THOUGH IT'S STRESSFUL HAVING TO PLAY WITH A HANDICAP.
WELL, I'LL ADMIT THE COM-PETITION IS FUN. ♪
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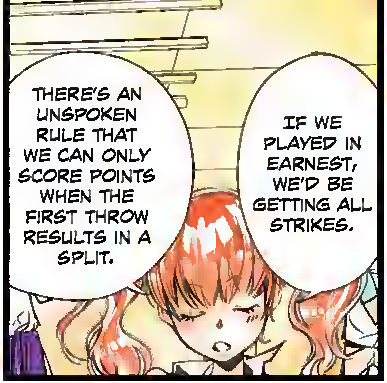
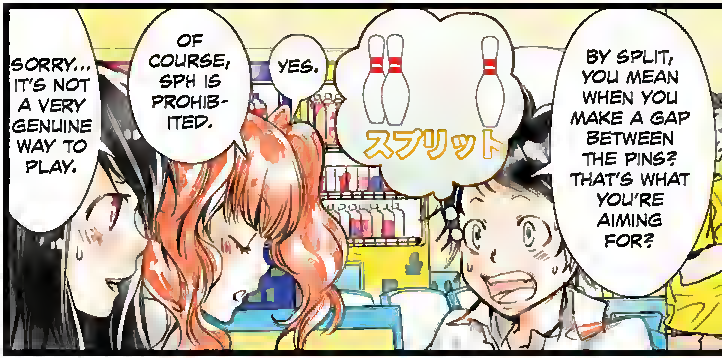
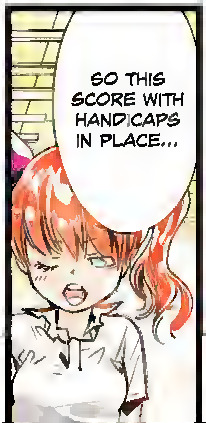
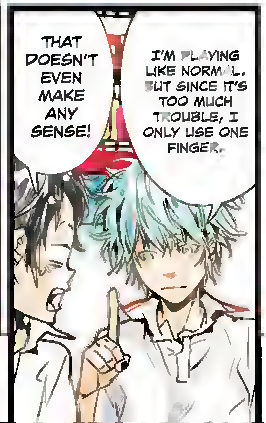
SINCE HE'S ALSO FRIENDS WITH CHUTA, I THOUGHT WE COULD ALL ENJOY A GOOD TIME TOGETHER.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID THAT WE SHOULD PROACTIVELY PURSUE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS IN ORDER TO ACCLIMATE OURSELVES TO THE EARTHLING LIFESTYLE, INSPECTOR.

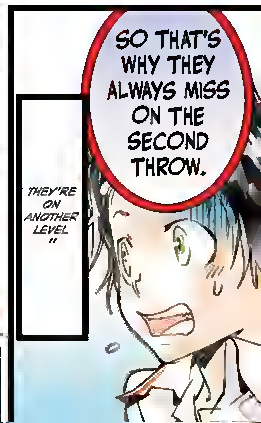

THERE'S AN UNSPOKEN RULE THAT WE CAN ONLY SCORE POINTS WHEN THE FIRST THROW RESULTS IN A SPLIT.
IF WE PLAYED IN EARNEST, WE'D BE GETTING ALL STRIKES.

OF COURSE WE'RE PLAYING WITH ONE.
HANDI-CAP?

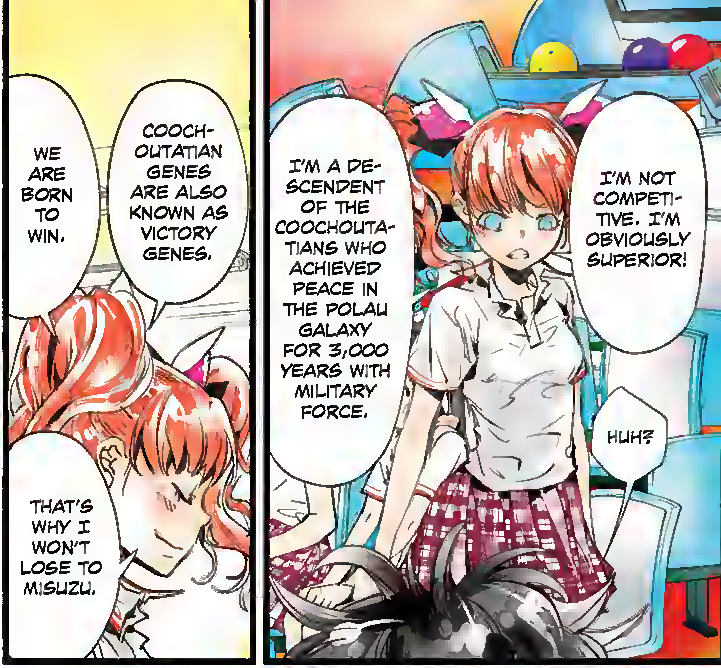

SORRY... IT'S NOT A VERY GENUINE WAY TO PLAY.
OF COURSE, SPH IS PROHIB-ITED.
YES.
スプリット
BY SPLIT, YOU MEAN WHEN YOU MAKE A GAP BETWEEN THE PINS? THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE AIMING FOR?

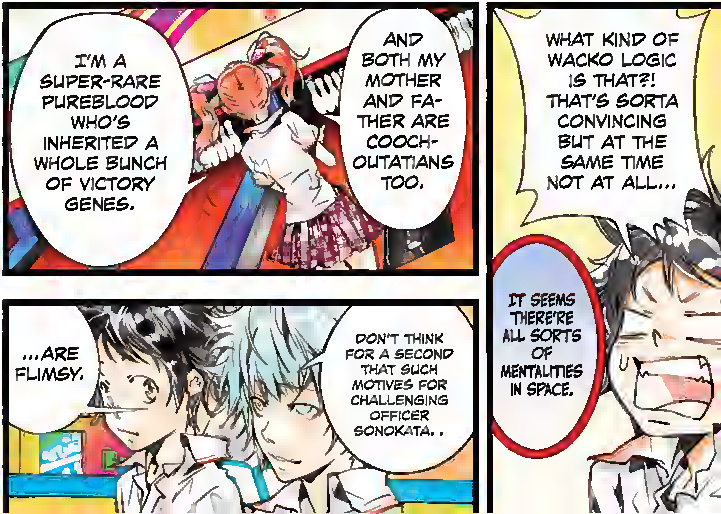

SO THIS SCORE WITH HANDICAPS IN PLACE...


THAT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE ANY SENSE!
I'M PLAYING LIKE NORMAL. BUT SINCE IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE, I ONLY USE ONE FINGER.


SO THAT'S WHY THEY ALWAYS MISS ON THE SECOND THROW.
THEY'RE ON ANOTHER LEVEL...

...TIES ME WITH MISUZU FOR FIRST.
BUT THAT ENDS NOW.
I WON'T LOSE TO YOU, MISUZU.
VERONICA'S CHALLENGING MISUZU AGAIN.
UM...
WHY...ARE YOU SO COMPETITIVE WITH SONOKATA?


I'M NOT COMPETI-TIVE. I'M OBVIOUSLY SUPERIOR!
I'M A DE-SCENDENT OF THE COOCHOUTA-TIANS WHO ACHIEVED PEACE IN THE POLAU GALAXY FOR 3,000 YEARS WITH MILITARY FORCE.
HUH?
COOCH-OUTATIAN GENES ARE ALSO KNOWN AS VICTORY GENES.
WE ARE BORN TO WIN.
THAT'S WHY I WON'T LOSE TO MISUZU.


WHAT KIND OF WACKO LOGIC IS THAT?! THAT'S SORTA CONVINCING BUT AT THE SAME TIME NOT AT ALL...
AND BOTH MY MOTHER AND FA-THER ARE COOCH-OUTATIANS TOO.
I'M A SUPER-RARE PUREBLOOD WHO'S INHERITED A WHOLE BUNCH OF VICTORY GENES.
IT SEEMS THERE'RE ALL SORTS OF MENTALITIES IN SPACE.
DON'T THINK FOR A SECOND THAT SUCH MOTIVES FOR CHALLENGING OFFICER SONOKATA. .
...ARE FLIMSY.

GULP
ゴク
...THAT WOULD BE THE CAUSE FOR THIS STRIFE?
CALL IT A HUNCH, BUT IN THE PAST, WAS THERE SOME ALTERCATION BETWEEN VERONICA AND SONO-KATA...

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN THOSE TWO?
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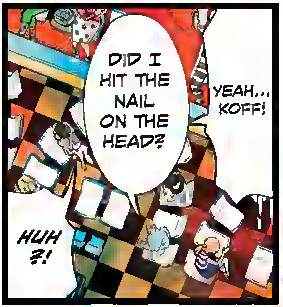
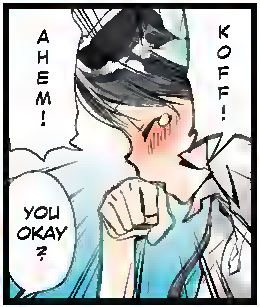
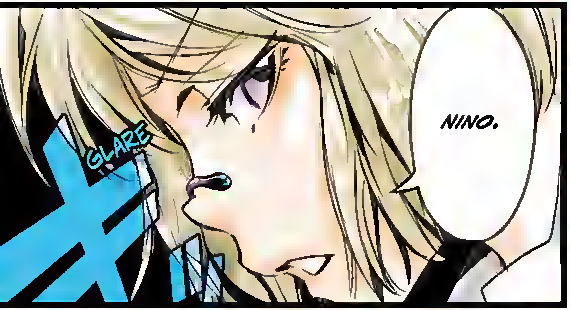
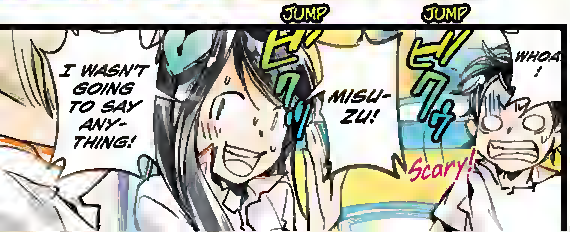

DID I HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD?
YEAH... KOFF!
HUH?!

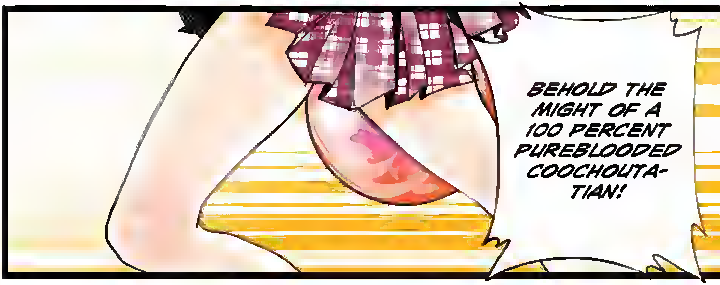

KOFF!
AHEM!
YOU OKAY?

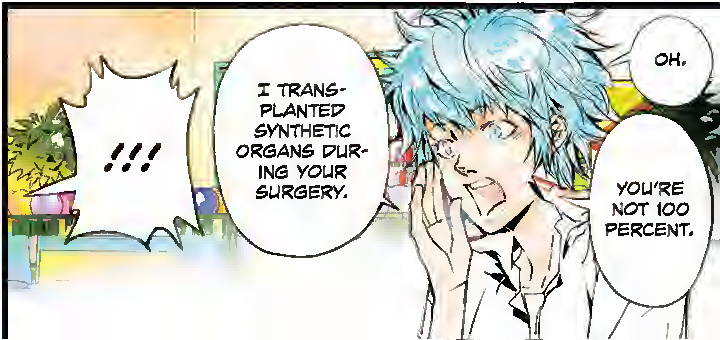

GLARE
NINO.


JUMP
JUMP
I WASN'T GOING TO SAY ANY-THING!
MISU-ZU!
WHOA!
Scary!

UUUH, WELL...
YOU SEE...

ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO AIM FOR THE ULTIMATE SPLIT.
THE EIGHT PIN KNOCK DOWN!


BEHOLD THE MIGHT OF A 100 PERCENT PUREBLOODED COOCHOUTA-TIAN!


OH.
YOU'RE NOT 100 PERCENT.
I TRANS-PLANTED SYNTHETIC ORGANS DUR-ING YOUR SURGERY.
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SLIP
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WHAT ?!
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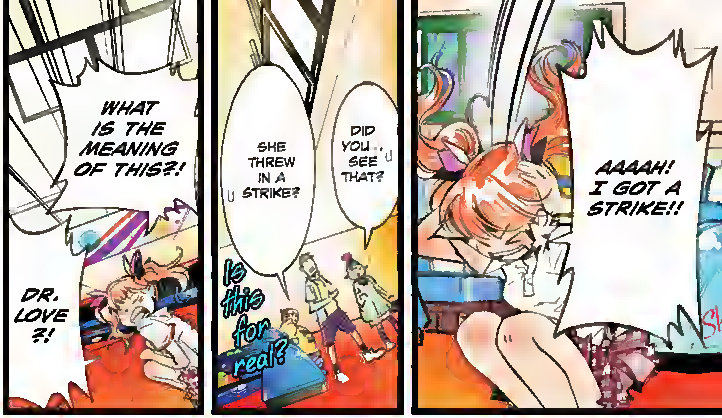
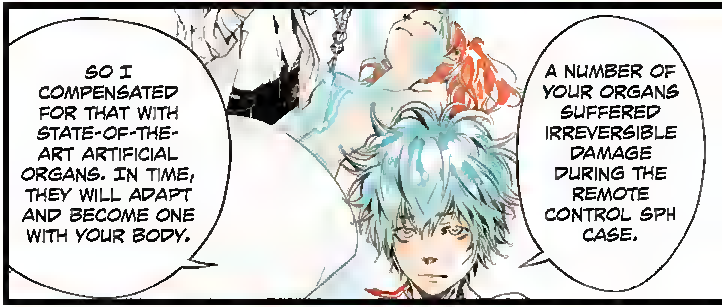
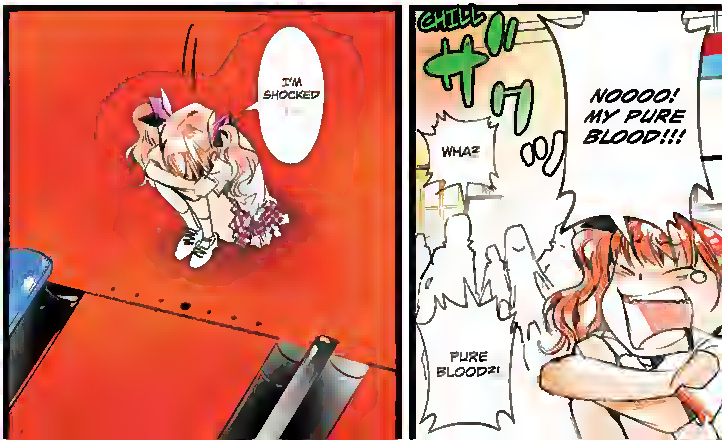
ポロ
POP
KRASH
バキャン!!
ボヤ
BOOM


WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
DR. LOVE ?!
SHE THREW IN A STRIKE?
DID YOU... SEE THAT?
Is this for real?
AAAAH! I GOT A STRIKE!!


SO I COMPENSATED FOR THAT WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART ARTIFICIAL ORGANS. IN TIME, THEY WILL ADAPT AND BECOME ONE WITH YOUR BODY.
A NUMBER OF YOUR ORGANS SUFFERED IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE DURING THE REMOTE CONTROL SPH CASE.


I'M SHOCKED
CHILL
WHAT
PURE BLOOD?!
NOOOO! MY PURE BLOOD!!!

BUT YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
THAT'S RIGHT!
VERONICA.
A-ARE YOU OKAY?
ガコーン
KRSHH
ガコーン
KRSHH
CAN YOU STAND UP?
HMPH.
MM..
OF COURSE!
YEAH...I GUESS..
I'M ALSO REALLY GLAD YOU MADE SUCH A QUICK RECOVERY.
DOOOOM
MISUZU!!!
IT'S MY TURN.
YOU'RE IN MY WAY.
MOVE.
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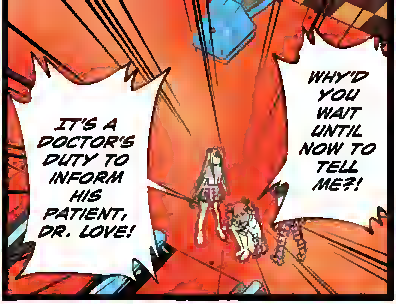
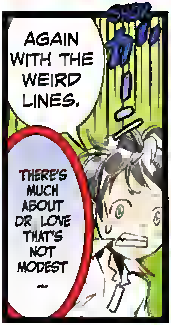
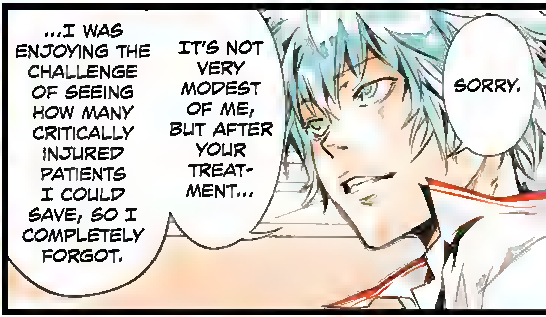
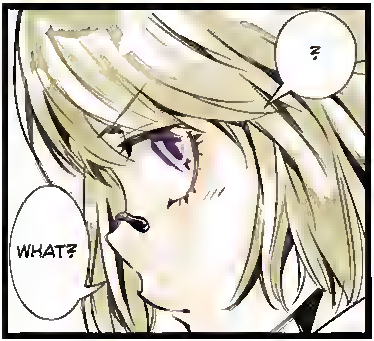

IT'S A DOCTOR'S DUTY TO INFORM HIS PATIENT, DR. LOVE!
WHY'D YOU WAIT UNTIL NOW TO TELL ME?!

GRRRRR

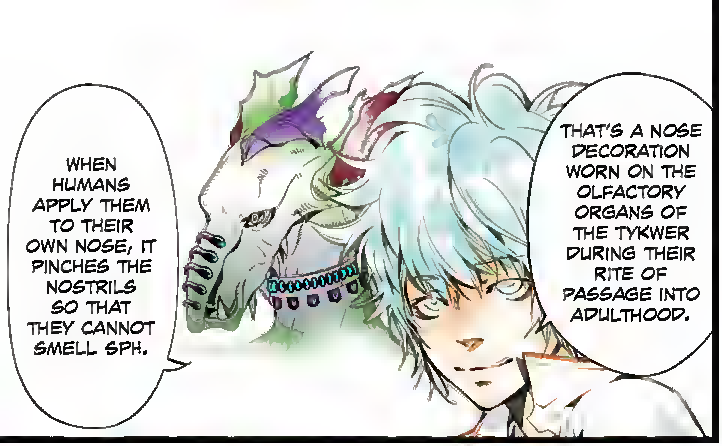

AGAIN WITH THE WEIRD LINES.
THERE'S MUCH ABOUT DR LOVE THAT'S NOT MODEST --

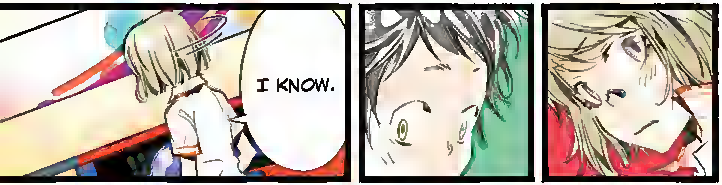

...I WAS ENJOYING THE CHALLENGE OF SEEING HOW MANY CRITICALLY INJURED PATIENTS I COULD SAVE, SO I COMPLETELY FORGOT.
IT'S NOT VERY MODEST OF ME, BUT AFTER YOUR TREAT-MENT...
SORRY.

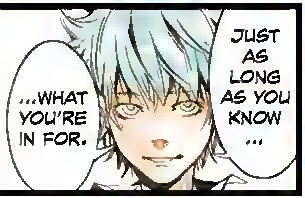

?
WHAT?

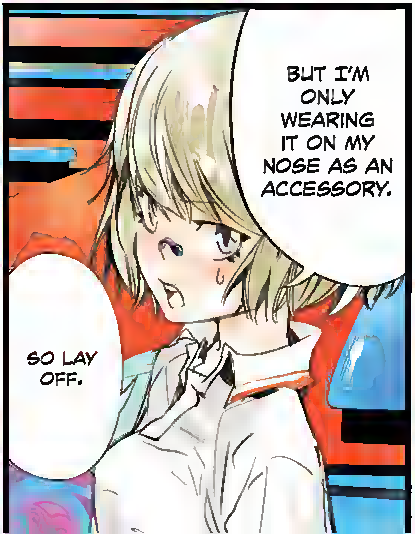
NEXT TIME, I'LL TELL YOU SOONER.
ANYTHING AT ALL OF CONCERN.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, OFFICER SONOKATA ...

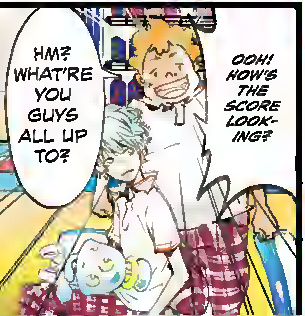
THAT CLIP ON YOUR NOSE.
YOU DO REALIZE, DON'T YOU?

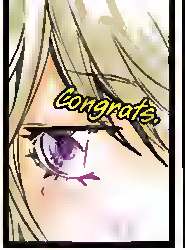

WHEN HUMANS APPLY THEM TO THEIR OWN NOSE, IT PINCHES THE NOSTRILS SO THAT THEY CANNOT SMELL SPH.
THAT'S A NOSE DECORATION WORN ON THE OLFACTORY ORGANS OF THE TYKWER DURING THEIR RITE OF PASSAGE INTO ADULTHOOD.

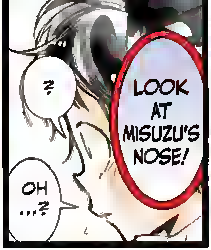

I KNOW.


...WHAT YOU'RE IN FOR.
JUST AS LONG AS YOU KNOW ...


BUT I'M ONLY WEARING IT ON MY NOSE AS AN ACCESSORY.
SO LAY OFF.


HM? WHAT'RE YOU GUYS ALL UP TO?
OOH! HOW'S THE SCORE LOOK-ING?


Congrats.


LOOK AT MISUZU'S NOSE!
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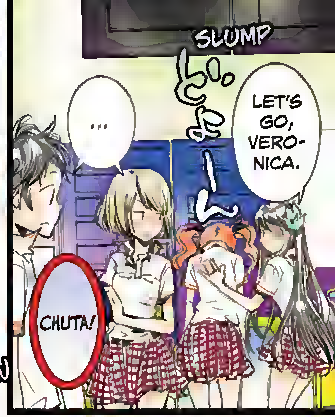
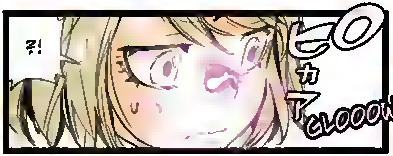
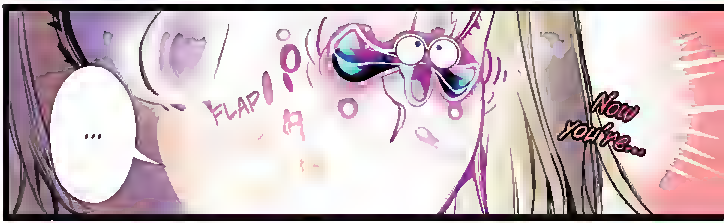
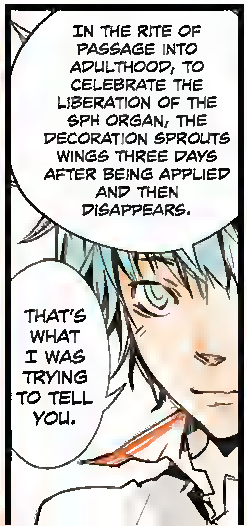
OH ...?

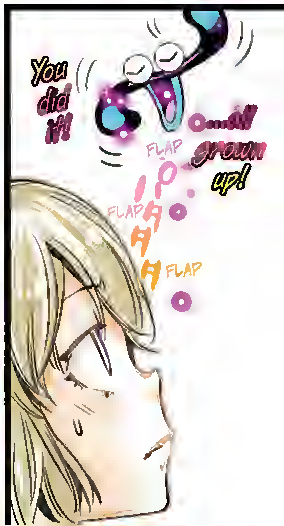

SLUMP
LET'S GO, VERONICA.
...
CHUTA!

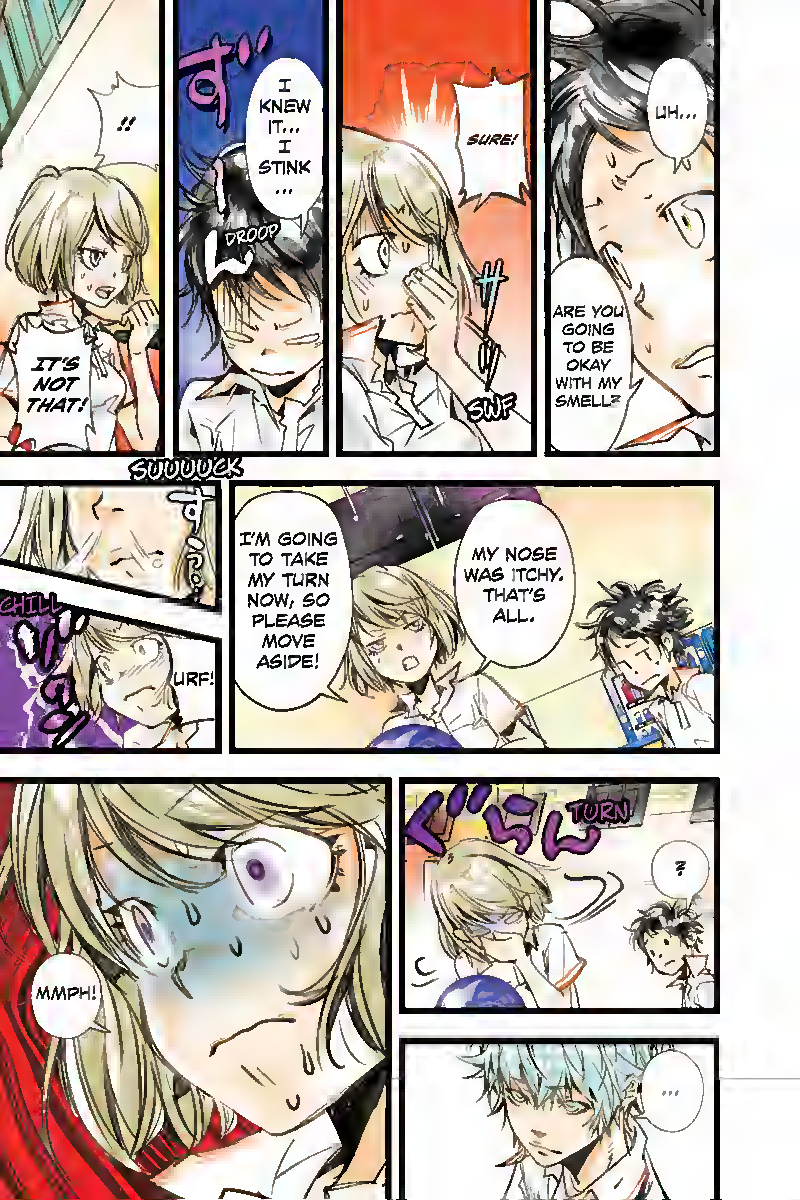

?!
CLOOOM


...
FLAP
Now you're...

POP
Bye bye!
FLAP
FLAP


IN THE RITE OF PASSAGE INTO ADULTHOOD, TO CELEBRATE THE LIBERATION OF THE SPH ORGAN, THE DECORATION SPROUTS WINGS THREE DAYS AFTER BEING APPLIED AND THEN DISAPPEARS.
THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO TELL YOU.


You die!!
...all grown up!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP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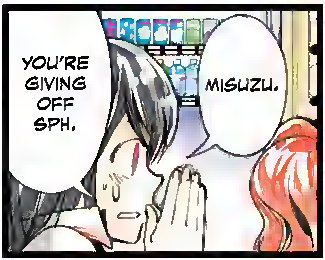
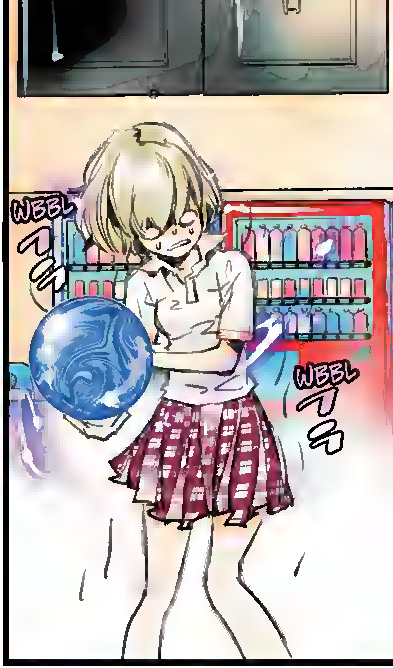
IT'S NOT THAT!
I KNEW IT... I STINK ...
DROOP
SURE!
SNF
UH...
ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY WITH MY SMELL?
SUUUUCK
CHILL
URF!
I'M GOING TO TAKE MY TURN NOW, SO PLEASE MOVE ASIDE!
MY NOSE WAS ITCHY. THAT'S ALL.
MMPH!
TURN
?
...

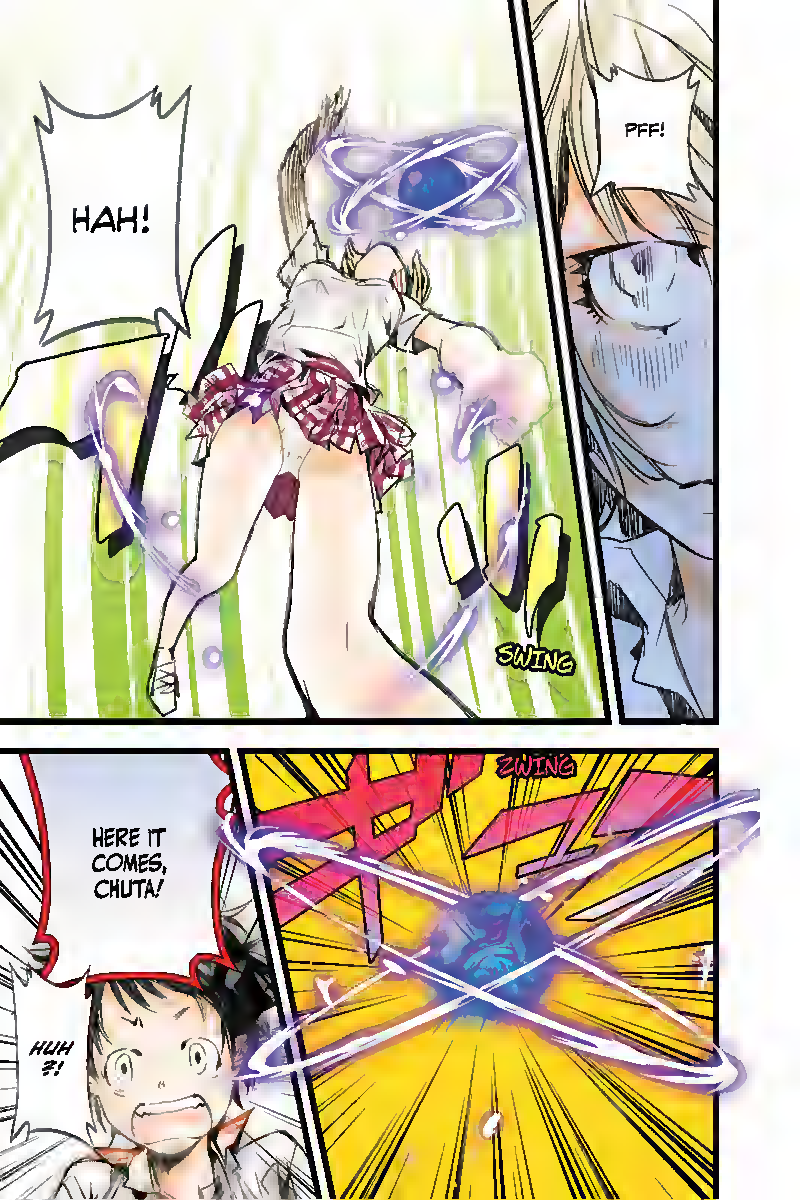
HM?


MISUZU.
YOU'RE GIVING OFF SPH.

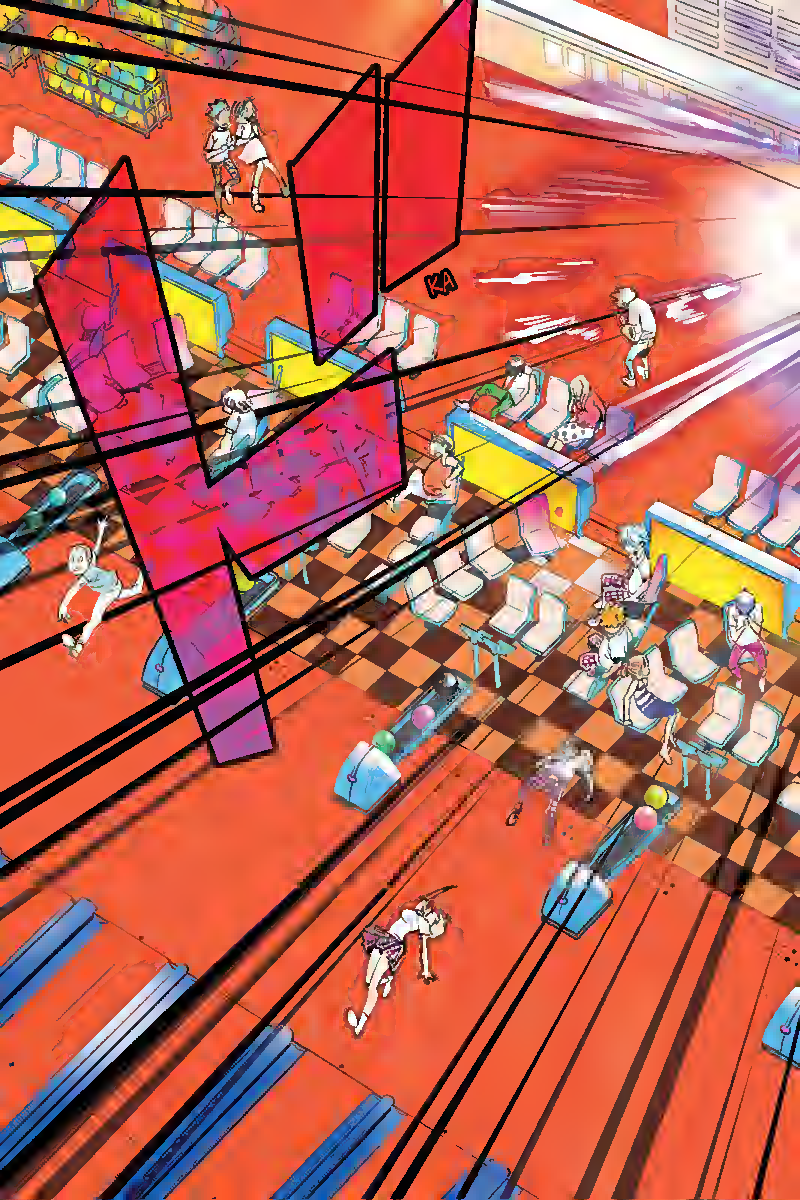
SWAY
NNGH ...


WEBL
WEBL

WHOOSH
UURGH ...


HAH!
PFF!
SWING
HERE IT COMES, CHUTA!
HUH?!
ZWING

BOOM
DREW! WINGS !!
VOOM
WOOSH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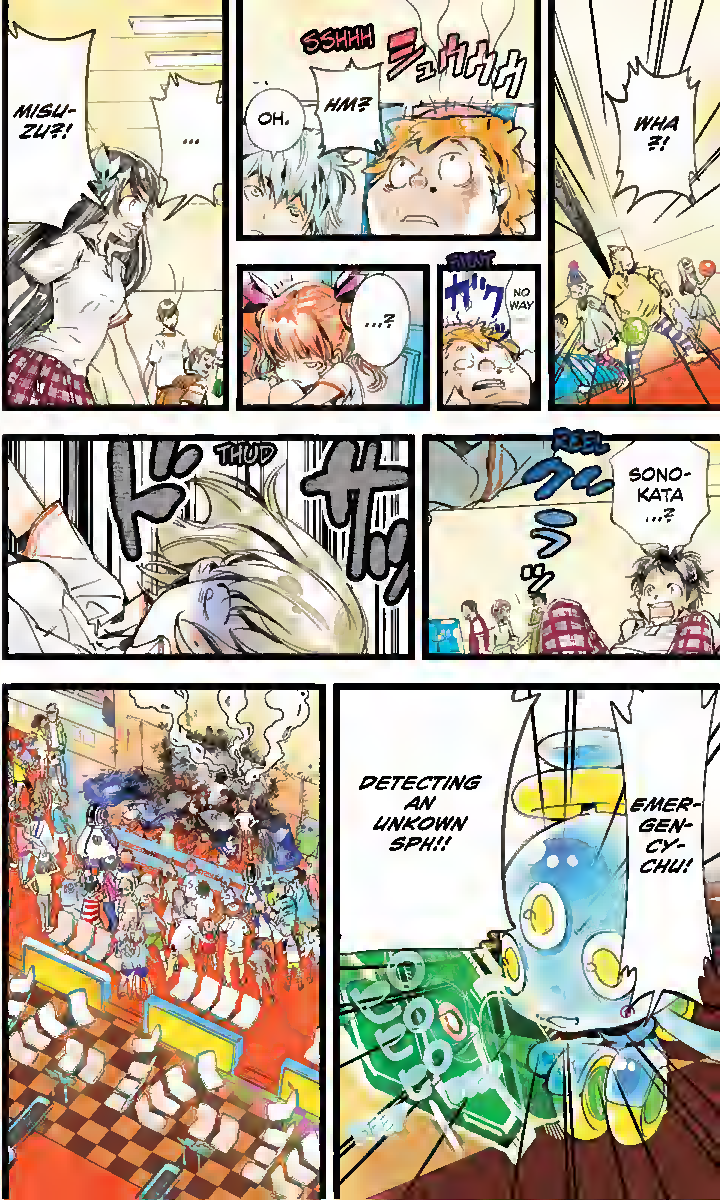
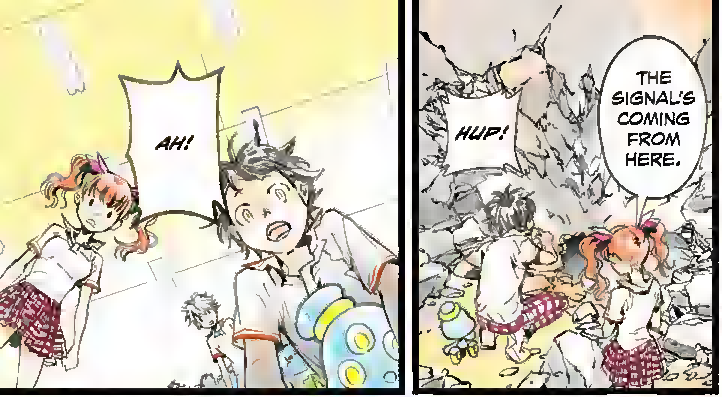
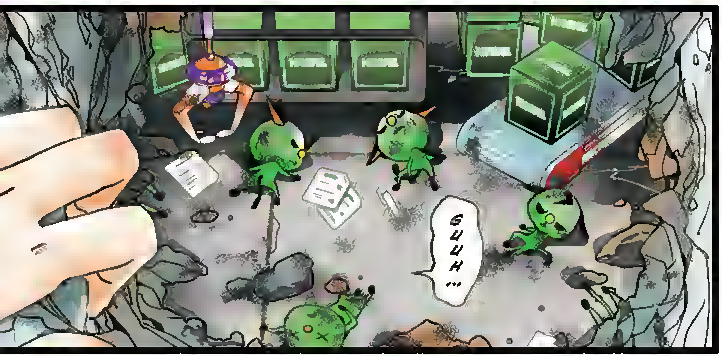
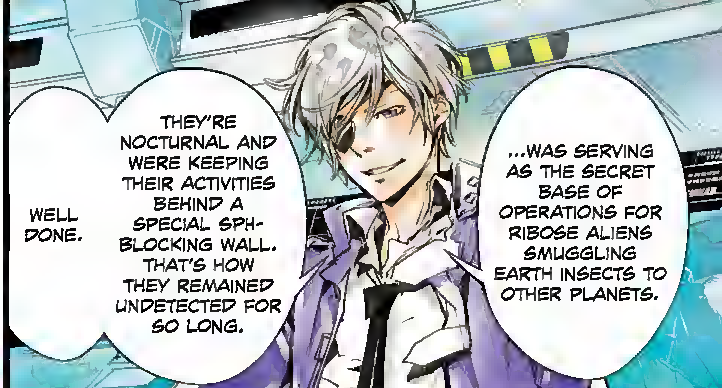
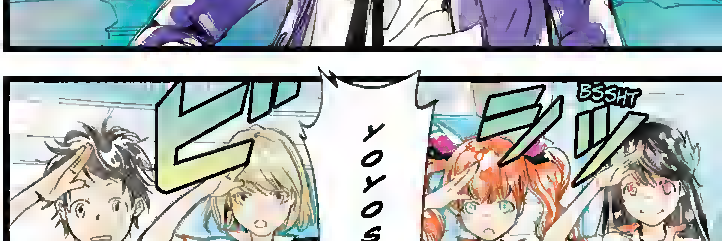

MISU-ZU?!
...
SSHHH
OH.
HM?
...?
GASP
NO WAY
WHA?!
THUD
REEL
SONO-KATA ...?
DETECTING AN UNKOWN SPH!!
EMER-GEN-CY-CHU!


AH!
HUP!
THE SIGNAL'S COMING FROM HERE.

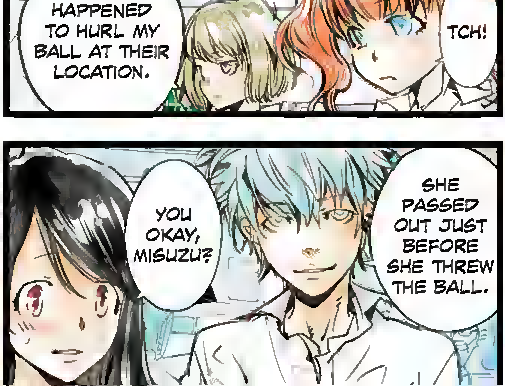

GUUH...

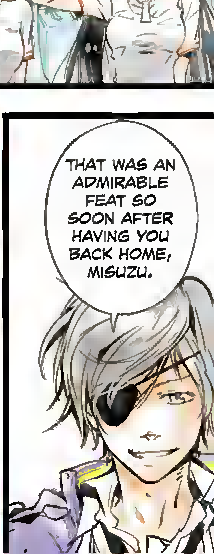
THAT BOWLING ALLEY...

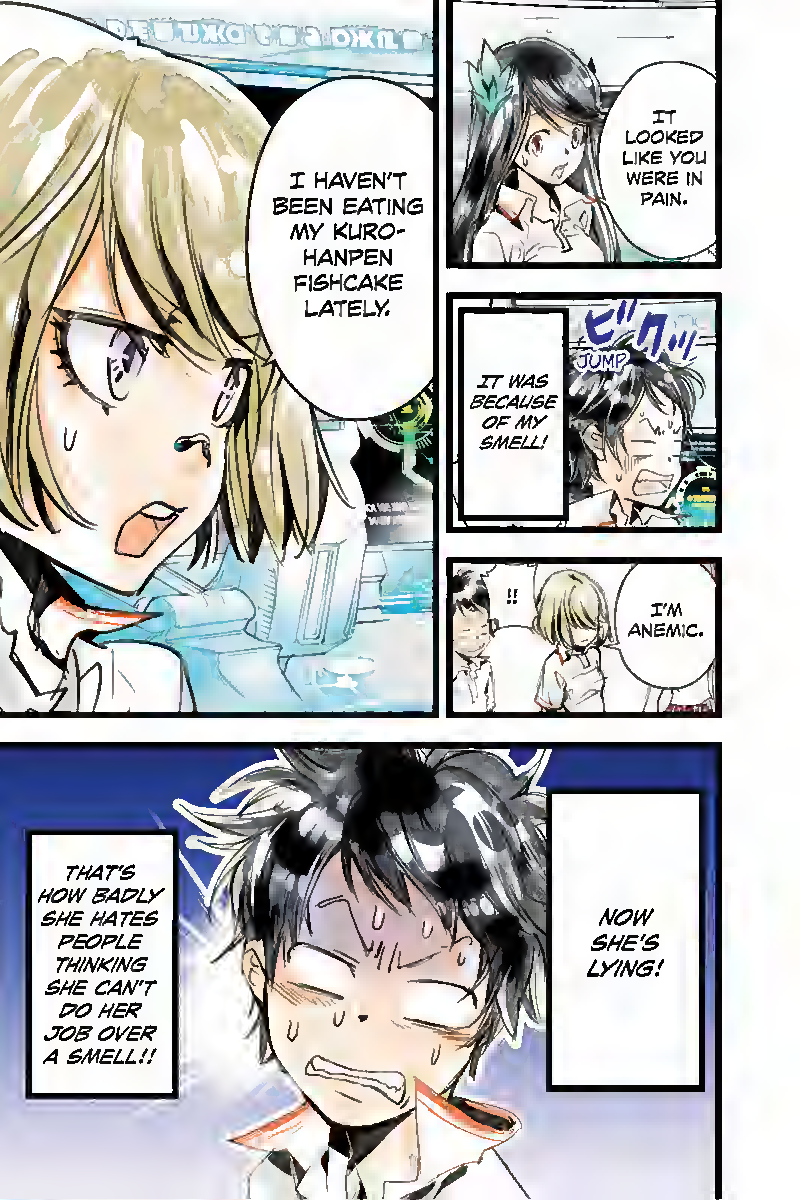

...WAS SERVING AS THE SECRET BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR RIBOSE ALIENS SMUGGLING EARTH INSECTS TO OTHER PLANETS.
THEY'RE NOCTURNAL AND WERE KEEPING THEIR ACTIVITIES BEHIND A SPECIAL SPH-BLOCKING WALL. THAT'S HOW THEY REMAINED UNDETECTED FOR SO LONG.
WELL DONE.

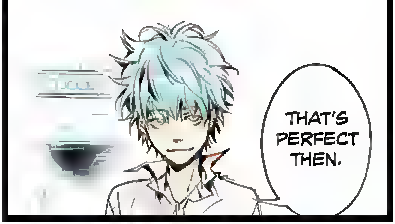

ビヨヨヨン
YOYOSA!
BSSHT

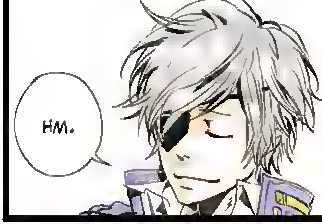
I JUST HAPPENED TO HURL MY BALL AT THEIR LOCATION.
TCH!

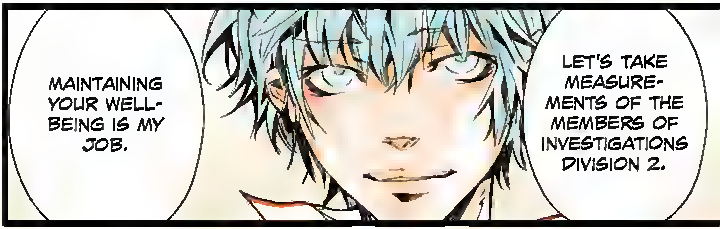

YOU OKAY, MISUZU?
SHE PASSED OUT JUST BEFORE SHE THREW THE BALL.

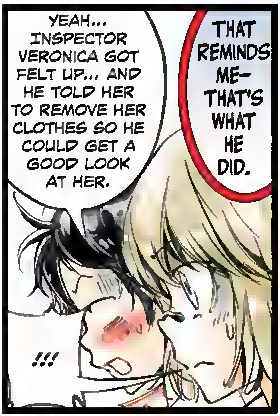

THAT WAS AN ADMIRABLE FEAT SO SOON AFTER HAVING YOU BACK HOME, MISUZU.


I HAVEN'T BEEN EATING MY KURO-HANPEN FISHCAKE LATELY.
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE IN PAIN.
IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY SMELL!
ビクッ!!
JUMP
!!
I'M ANEMIC.
THAT'S HOW BADLY SHE HATES PEOPLE THINKING SHE CAN'T DO HER JOB OVER A SMELL!!
NOW SHE'S LYING!


THAT'S PERFECT THEN.


HM.


MAINTAINING YOUR WELL-BEING IS MY JOB.
LET'S TAKE MEASURE-MENTS OF THE MEMBERS OF INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION 2.


YEAH... INSPECTOR VERONICA GOT FELT UP... AND HE TOLD HER TO REMOVE HER CLOTHES SO HE COULD GET A GOOD LOOK AT HER.
THAT REMINDS ME— THAT'S WHAT HE DID.
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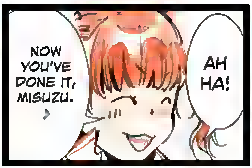
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT, MISUZU. ♪
AH HA!

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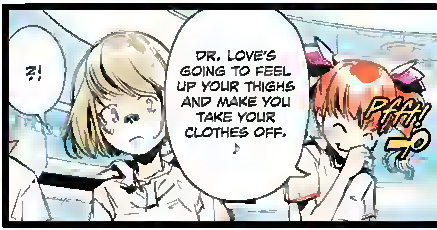
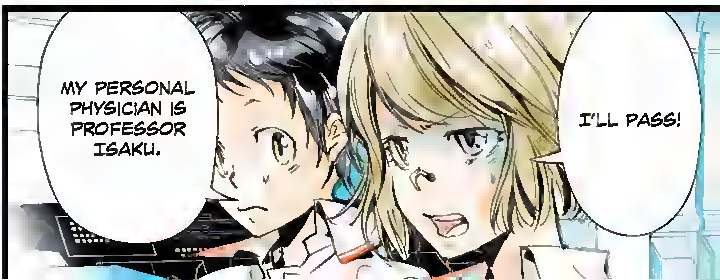
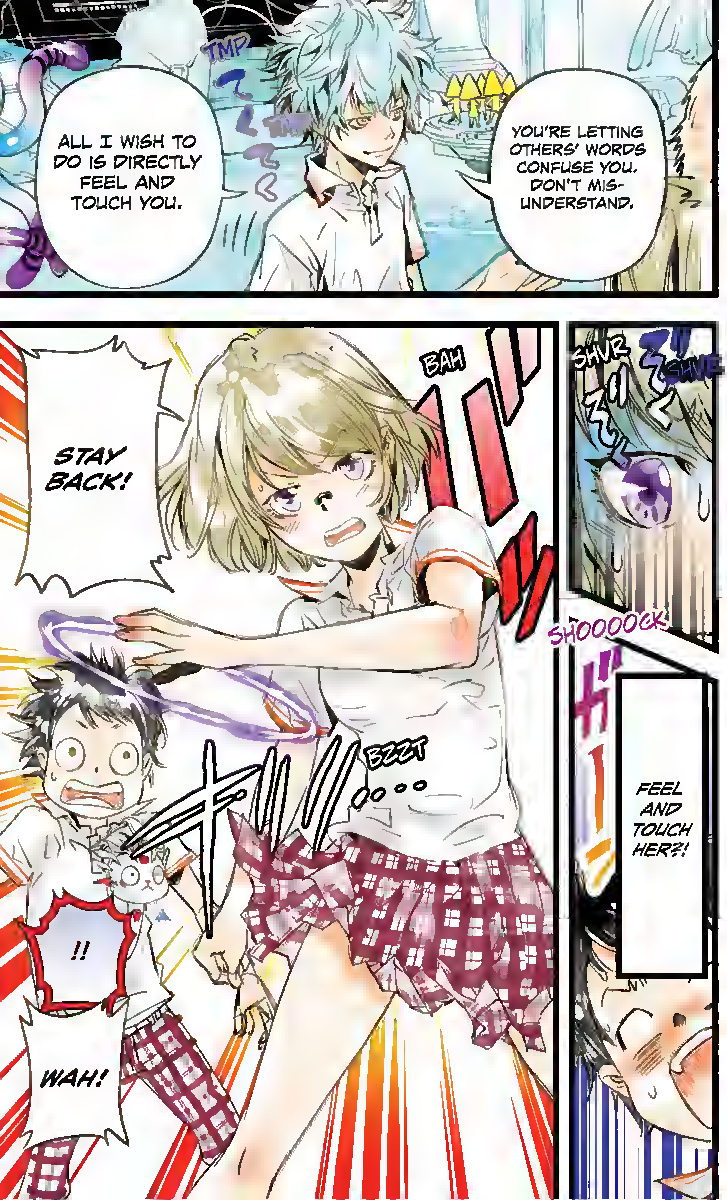
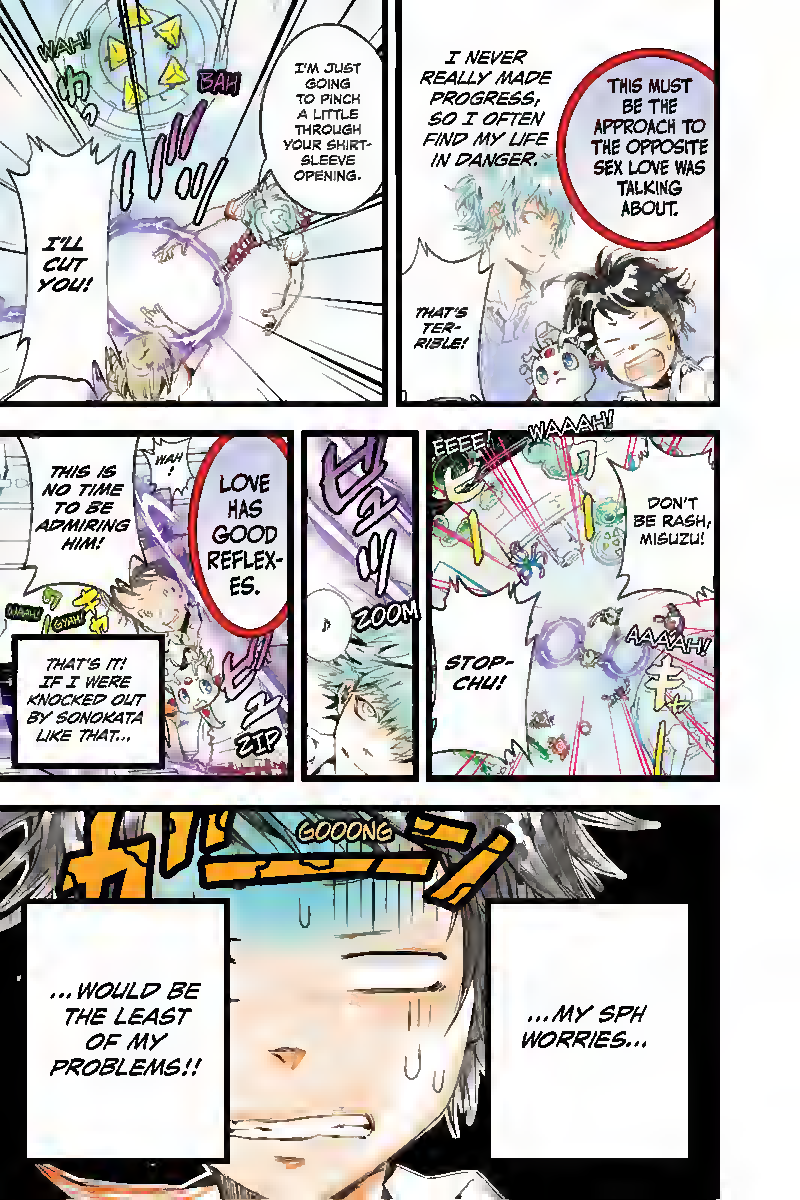

?!
DR. LOVE'S GOING TO FEEL UP YOUR THIGHS AND MAKE YOU TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF. ♪
PAH!


MY PERSONAL PHYSICIAN IS PROFESSOR ISAKU.
I'LL PASS!


ALL I WISH TO DO IS DIRECTLY FEEL AND TOUCH YOU.
TMP
YOU'RE LETTING OTHERS' WORDS CONFUSE YOU. DON'T MIS-UNDERSTAND.
STAY BACK!
BAH
!!
WAH!
BZZT
SHUR-
SHUR
SHOOOOCK
FEEL AND TOUCH HER?!

SHE'S TURNED HER SPH ON A SUPERIOR OFFICER!
SUCH TRANSGRESSIONS WILL BE PUNISHED!
?!
!
?!
W...
WATCH IT, MISUZU!
THIS IS LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE SINCE I REGARD HIM AS A THREAT.
BZZZT
DR. LOVE IS A CIVILIAN.
SHVR
I SECOND MISUZU'S LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE.
DR. LOVE IS SO NAIVE WHEN IT COMES TO THINGS HE'S INTERESTED IN THAT IT WORKS AGAINST HIM.
SHVR
ARMPITS ..?
I THIRD IT!
SUCH BEAUTIFUL SPH.
I WOULD LOVE TO PINCH THE PULSE OF THE SPH RUNNING BELOW YOUR ARMPITS!
IF YOU COME NEAR, I'LL CUT YOU!


WAH!
BAH
I'M JUST GOING TO PINCH A LITTLE THROUGH YOUR SHIRT-SLEEVE OPENING.
I'LL CUT YOU!
I NEVER REALLY MADE PROGRESS, SO I OFTEN FIND MY LIFE IN DANGER.
THIS MUST BE THE APPROACH TO THE OPPOSITE SEX LOVE WAS TALKING ABOUT.
THAT'S TER-RIBLE!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE ADMIRING HIM!
WAH!
LOVE HAS GOOD REFLEX-ES.
WAAH!
GYAH!
THAT'S IT! IF I WERE KNOCKED OUT BY SONOKATA LIKE THAT...
ZIP
ZOOM
EEEE!
WAAAH!
DON'T BE RASH, MISUZU!
STOP-CHU!
AAAAAH!
GOOONG
...WOULD BE THE LEAST OF MY PROBLEMS!!
...MY SPH WORRIES...